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#### **Board Retreat Agenda**

Saturday, December 6th, 2014 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

> Ernst & Young 200 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116

## Pre-reading (to be sent by Thursday, 12/3):

- DRAFT Narrative of Strategic Aspirations (so far)
- Campus Consolidation Memo (from Author Anderson, SV intern)
- Background Information for Group Discussions

### **Desired Outcomes:**

- 1. Build an increased sense of community among Board Members
- 2. Consider potential direction of BCCS for key strategic areas of:
  - Collaboration
  - Growth 0
  - Campus Consolidation
- Introductions (8:30 8:50)
  - What was your most memorable school moment from 5th or 6th grade?
- Overview of Draft Narrative & Strategic Planning Process (8:50-9:10)
  - Shannah will process update for strategic planning
  - Shannah will briefly discuss strategic narrative to date and address questions
- **Collaboration (9:10-10:00)** 
  - Shannah does a quick overview of the key issues before us.
  - Board asks Jenna/Kate/Shannah clarifying questions based on Shannah's overview and the Background Information Document.
  - Questions for Collaboration (Whole Group):
    - i. Looking at the proposal for an intensified collaboration vision (an Institute housed within BCCS with a director and teachers as collaborators-inresidence), what resonates? What benefits will this bring to the school?
    - ii. What risks/challenges exist with this model?
    - iii. How can we ensure a steady stream of funding to keep this going?
    - iv. What questions should we be asking?
- Growth and Campus Consolidation (10:00-12:30)
  - These two topics are interrelated and feel important to address together.



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- We will divide up into 3 groups and first discuss growth, then campus consolidation, though likely the topics will 2014 DEC -2 P 4: 22 though likely the topics will merge.
- Small Group Discussion, Growth (10:00-10:40)

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- Questions for Growth:
  - i. What questions should we be asking ourselves about Growth for BCCS in the next few years?
  - ii. How should we think about sequencing?
  - iii. Are there other options for growth that are more appealing? (Generally, there is not internal enthusiasm for replication, but it is worth considering as part of this process....)
  - iv. Are there potentially other ways of getting at the underlying issues impacting some team members' desire for growth?
- Break (10:40-10:50)
- Share Out (10:50-11:05)
- Small Group Discussion, Campus Consolidation (11:05-11:45)
- Ouestions for Campus Consolidation:
  - i. Assuming that the financial model somehow works out, does this seem like a valuable pursuit? What other benefits might there be that we haven't thought about?
  - ii. Assuming that the financial model doesn't work out—how should we think about an alternative path (e.g. third campus) in light of this new thinking?
  - iii. What other questions should we be asking ourselves?
- Share Out (11:45-12:00)
- Whole Group: Takeaways and Next Steps (12:00 12:30)